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PERUSSE TO JOIN EASLEY'S STAFF

Raleigh – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Charles Perusse will join his staff as Deputy State Budget Officer. Perusse replaces Robert Powell who was named State Controller earlier this year.

"The Administration is fortunate to have an individual with Charlie's ability and experience join our budget team. His extensive background in the legislative process will prove invaluable to the Governor and the Office of State Budget and Management in preparing and managing future budgets," said David McCoy, State Budget Officer.

Perusse is a graduate of North Carolina State University. He earned his Master's of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has eight years experience as a budget and policy analyst for the North Carolina General Assembly. For the last two years, Perusse has served as the lead staff to the House Full Appropriations Committee where he was directly responsible for assisting the House of Representatives in developing and adopting the State's budget.

Perusse resides in Raleigh.

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